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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

—OF THE—

COUNTY OF WELLAND.

—to:—

SPECIAL SESSION. — E. CRUIKSHANK, Esq., WARDEN.

—to:—

17th and 18th of AUGUST, 1886.

—to:—

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SPECIAL SESSION.
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WELLAND, Aug. 17th, 1886.

By direction of the Warden, the County Council of the County of Welland met in Special Session, at Council Chamber, at 9. o'clock a. m.

The Warden in the chair.

Members present—Messrs. Barnhard, Brown, Bugar, Cron-miller, Ellsworth, Emmett, Gainer, Garner, Hansler, Hobson, Mc-Cleary, Miller, Neff, Orchard, Ramsden, Riselay, Shrimpton, Springer, Turner, J. Wilson and H. Willson.

Present.

The Warden remarked, in opening the session, that the present session was called at the instance of the special committee appointed to settle the matter of the Niagara Falls separation, as no definite arrangements could be made with the said town ; that section 447, of chapter 174 would seem to direct that the award to be annulled

Warden's address.

must be by application of either party interested to the Lieutenant-Governor ; and after some further remarks, presented a telegram from the Town of Niagara Falls, stating that the town had appointed Judge Baxter as arbitrator on behalf of the town.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Turner,

Sessional
hours.

That the hours for meeting and adjournment of this council during the present session be as follows : Meet at 9 o'clock a. m., adjourn at 12 m. ; meet again at 1 o'clock and adjourn at 6 p. m. Carried.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

Opinion of Co.
Solicitor re
Niagara Falls
award.

That the Warden obtain the opinion of the County Solicitor in the matter of memorializing the Lieutenant-Governor re Niagara Falls award, and that the same be laid before this council during the afternoon session to-day. Carried.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1 o'clock p. m., the council resumed.

County Solicitor
heard.

By request Mr. Raymond was heard at the bar of the council in reference to the matter of Niagara Falls.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Brown,

Committee of
the whole.

That the council do go into committee of the whole to consider the matter of the Niagara Falls award. Carried.

Pursuant to motion, the council went into committee of the whole.

Mr. Brown in the chair.

The committee rose and reported the following resolution :

The Warden in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. McCleary,

That the clerk of this council be instructed to prepare a memorial to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, asking that the amount of compensation fixed by the award made the Eleventh day of August, 1881, between this county and the Town of Clifton, now Niagara Falls, be reconsidered, and that the then existing arrangements shall cease from and after the 1st day of July, 1886, and that a copy of the award so made be sent with the memorial. Carried.

*Re County and
Niagara Falls
award.*

And moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Garner,

That whereas the municipal council of the Town of Niagara Falls failed to appoint an arbitrator within the time prescribed by statute after having received notice that an arbitrator had been appointed by the municipality of the County of Welland, on their behalf in the matter of settlement of compensation to be paid by the Town of Niagara Falls for the five years beginning July 1st, 1886, to the County of Welland ;

And whereas this council has been informed that on or about the 16th day of August, 1886, the municipal council of the said Town of Niagara Falls did appoint George Baxter, Esq., Judge of the County of Welland, to act as arbitrator on their behalf in the said matter :

Be it resolved that the clerk be instructed to prepare a memorial to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, praying him to confirm said appointment ; and in case the said George Baxter does not accept the appointment as arbitrator, that he will be pleased to appoint an arbitrator, as provided by the statute in that behalf. Carried.

Mr. Hobson gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a bill to appoint a Game Inspector for the County of Welland. Notices.

Mr. McCleary gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a memorial to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, praying that he will direct that the amount of compensation paid by the Town of Niagara Falls to the Corporation of the County of Welland, under award of August 11th, 1881, be reconsidered.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Bugar,

Grant to
Teachers' In-
stitute.

That the sum of twenty-five dollars be granted by this council to the Teachers' Institute of this county, as per requirement of section 175 of the Public and High School Act, and that the Warden issue his cheque in favor of M. W. Bridgman, the treasurer of such Institute. Carried.

Communica-
tions.

The Warden presented a communication from L. D. Raymond, accompanied with presentment of Grand Jury ;

Also, from Crown Lands Department.

Notice.

Mr. McCleary gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a memorial to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, praying that he will confirm an appointment of an arbitrator, or cause an arbitrator to be appointed on behalf of the corporation of the Town of Niagara Falls, in the matter of the re-consideration of the amount of compensation to be paid by the said town to the corporation of the County of Welland in the matter of the separation of the town from the county.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 18, 1886.

Pursuant to adjournment, the council met at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Warden in the chair.

Members present :—Messrs. Barnhard, Brown Bugar, Cron-
miller, Ellsworth, Emmett, Gainer, Garner, Hansler, Hobson, Mc-
Cleary, Miller, Neff, Orchard, Ramsden, Riselay, Shrimpton, Springer,
•Turner, J. Wilson, H. Willson. Present.

The minutes of yesterday were read by the clerk and approved
by council.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Hobson,

That leave be given to introduce a memorial to the Lieutenant-
Governor in Council, praying that he will direct that the amount of
compensation fixed by the award between the corporation of the
Town of Niagara Falls and the corporation of the County of Welland,
made the 11th day of August, 1881, be reconsidered. Memorial re
county and
Niagara Falls
award.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Hobson,

That the memorial be read a first time.—Carried.

Memorial read a first time, pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Hobson,

That the memorial be read a second time. Carried.

Memorial read a second time, pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Hobson,

That the memorial be not now committed, but that the same be
read a third time forthwith, that it do pass, be signed and sealed,
and forwarded to the Provincial Secretary for presentation. Passed.
Carried.

Memorial read a third time and passed, signed, sealed and forwarded as directed.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Springer,

Bill to appoint
game inspect'r

That leave be given to introduce a bill to appoint a Game Inspector for the County of Welland.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Springer,

That the bill be read a first time. Carried.

Bill read a first time, pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Springer,

That the bill be read a second time. Carried.

Bill read a second time, pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Springer,

Passed,

That the bill be not now committed, but that the same be read a third time forthwith, that it do pass, be signed and sealed as required by law, and that its title be as in the bill.

Bill read a third time and passed, entitled "A By-law for the appointment of a Game Inspector for the County of Welland."

Report—roads
and bridges,
Humberstone
and Crowland.

The Warden presented report of local committee on Roads and Bridges for Humberstone and Crowland, which was read to council.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Springer,

That the report just read be adopted.—Carried.

Jail report.

The Jail committee presented their report, which was read to council.

Moved by Mr. Bugar, seconded by Mr. Gainer,

That the report of Jail committee, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Garner,

Memorial re
arbitrator.

That leave be given to introduce a memorial to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, praying that he will confirm an appointment of

an arbitrator made by the Town of Niagara Falls, or cause such appointment to be made in the matter of the reconsideration of the amount of compensation to be paid by the said town to the County of Welland.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Garner,

That the memorial be read a first time.—Carried.

Memorial read a first time pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Garner,

That the memorial be read a second time.—Carried.

Memorial read a second time pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Garner,

That the memorial be not now committed, but that the same be read a third time forthwith ; that it do pass, be signed and sealed and forwarded to the Provincial Secretary for presentation.—Carried. Passed.

Memorial read a third time and passed, signed, sealed and forwarded as directed.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Hobson,

That this council, having heard the statement of Mr. John A. Orchard, Reeve of Stamford, who has just returned from England, that many emigrants intending to come to Canada to settle are desirous of obtaining practical instructions in farming operations before purchasing, and are willing to pay for the same, this council do request the farmers of this county who are willing to take pupils and give such instruction, to forward their names and postoffice address to J. C. Page, the County Clerk, at once, who shall send the same to Hon. John Carling, Minister of Agriculture, and that this council do memorialize the Minister of Agriculture aforesaid to take such steps as may in his opinion be necessary to procure similar information from other counties in Ontario, and transmit it to England in book form, so that the intending emigrants may be able to ascertain with

Re instruction to intending emigrants.

ease where to apply, or to correspond with such persons before leaving their homes.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Brown,

Bridge over
mill race near
St. Johns.

That inasmuch as a mill race was made some years ago crossing the travelled road near St. Johns, it being the town line between Pelham and Thorold, by the owners of the grist mill known as Haney's mill, for the purpose of taking the water to said mill, and the said owners did build a bridge over said race, and have up to the present time kept the said bridge in repair; the bridge is now unsafe, and the owners of said mill neglect to repair the same:

Therefore be it resolved that if the owner or owners of said mill do not immediately repair the said bridge, the reeves of Thorold and Pelham be and they are hereby authorized to take the opinion of the county solicitor in regard to the same, and act in accordance to his opinion in the said matter.—Carried.

Report re Nia-
gara Falls set-
tlement.

The Warden presented report of special committee re Niagara Falls settlement, which was read to council.

Moved by Mr. McCleary, seconded by Mr. Ramsden,

That the report of special committee re Niagara Falls, just read, be adopted.—Carried.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Warden left the chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At one o'clock p. m. the council resumed.

Acc't of Thos.
Ray for extras
on Beckett's
Bridge.

The Warden presented account of Thomas Ray re extra work on Beckett's Bridge, which was read to council.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Turner,

That this council do now go into committee of the whole to consider the account of Thomas Ray re Beckett's Bridge.—Carried.

Pursuant to motion, the council went into committee of the whole, Mr. Shrimpton in the chair.

The committee rose and reported the following resolution—

The Warden in the chair :

Moved by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Ellsworth,

That whereas the Road and Bridge committee have reported verbally to this council that Mr. Thomas Ray, contractor for building of the Beckett Bridge, claims a large amount for extra work done and performed on said bridge and in connection therewith ;

Referred to
road & bridge
committee.

And whereas Mr. Ray has furnished to this council an account for extras, amounting to \$1275, which seems excessive ;

And whereas the committee of 1885 and 1886 cannot give to this council sufficiently clear information in relation to said extras, and wherein the difference lies between the original work to be done and performed under the original contract to allow a full understanding of what is or may be proper charges for extras :

Be it therefore resolved that the Road and Bridge committee be instructed to carefully go over the original contract, plans and specifications, if any, and the work done, also the account for extras, and ascertain, if possible, what are the extras to which Mr. Ray is justly entitled to include in any bill that he has or may render to this council for which he should be paid ; and upon this report to the Warden, shewing the amount due Mr. Ray, and which he should in their opinion receive, that the Warden be authorized to issue his check for the same to him, and that they also report at the next meeting of this council on this matter.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Brown,

That leave be given to introduce a memorial to the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion of Canada, any rule of this council to the contrary notwithstanding.

Memorial to
the Minister of
Agriculture.

Leave granted.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Brown,

That the memorial be read a first time.—Carried.

Memorial read a first time pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Brown,

That the memorial be read a second time.—Carried.

Memorial read a second time pursuant to motion.

Moved by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Brown,

That the memorial be read a third time forthwith; that it do pass, be signed and sealed by the Warden and Clerk, and the corporate seal attached thereto, and forwarded to the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture.—Carried.

Passed.

Memorial read a third time and passed, signed, sealed and forwarded as directed.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ellsworth,

Additional
grant for Hi-
lenda Singer.

That the sum of seventy-five cents per week, in addition to the amount already granted, be allowed for the keeping of Hilenda Singer, now on the insane-destitute list.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Garner, seconded by Mr. Hansler,

That this council do now adjourn.—Carried.

Adjourned.

Pursuant to motion, the council adjourned at 4 p. m.

APPENDIX A.

BY-LAWS.

BY-LAW No. 507.

BY-LAW for the appointment of a Game Inspector for the County of Welland.

WHEREAS, it is expedient to appoint a Game Inspector for the County of Welland, for the purpose of protecting game and fur bearing animals within the County of Welland, in accordance with 49th Vic., Cap. 45, Statutes of Ontario :

Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted by this council, that John R. Dowd be, and he is appointed Game Inspector for the County of Welland.

Passed in Council this 18th day of August, 1886.

Signed, J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

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E. CRUIKSHANK,
Warden.

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APPENDIX B.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE JAIL COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council assembled :

Your Jail committee beg leave to submit this their report :

Your committee advertised for tenders for painting Court House roof and fence, and the fence around the Registry Office, and received three tenders, viz :

H. Schumacher.....	\$175 00
Chas. McCarter.....	124 00
Peter McMurray.....	140 00

Your committee accepted the tender of Mr. Schumacher for the sum of \$175. This being the highest tender, it may seem strange to your honorable body that your committee awarded the tender in such a manner ; but knowing that the painting before was done in an unworkmanlike manner, your committee thought best to award the contract to a responsible and efficient workman, choosing rather to pay a higher price for the work than to run any chance of a poor job.

Your committee also advertised for tenders for 70 tons of coal,

(large grate), and 10 tons No. 4 coal, and received two tenders, viz :

James Blackwell, at \$5.50 per ton for large grate, and \$5.95 for No. 4 coal.

F. M. Hagar, at \$5.55 per ton for large grate, and \$5.95 for No. 4 coal.

Your committee accepted the tender of James Blackwell, at above rates. The coal has been delivered, and the chairman has issued his order for payment.

Your committee would recommend the payment of the following accounts, viz :

H. Schumacher, for painting.	\$175 00
John Gross, fixing pipes.	4 05

The brick work around the boiler and furnace being in need of repairs, your committee have engaged the services of Mr. Brown, of Thorold, to make the necessary repairs, he to receive \$3.50 per day while so engaged ; and your committee are of opinion that when boiler is properly bricked in there will be a great saving of fuel.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. BURGAR,
GEO. SHRIMPSON,
WM. H. GAINER,
GEORGE TURNER,
EDMUND MILLER.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

Welland, August 18th, 1886.

REPORT OF THE LOCAL ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HUMBERSTONE AND CROWLAND.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Welland :

Your committee beg leave to submit this their report :

Your committee, having been informed that a bridge on the town line between Crowland and Humberstone was in a bad condition, caused it to be repaired at a cost of seven dollars ; and your committee would therefore recommend that the Warden do issue his check in favor of Christian Sauer for the above named amount.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, J. A. RAMSDEN,
M. SPRINGER.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Welland, August 18, 1886.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE *RE* NIAGARA FALLS AWARD.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council assembled :

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of settlement of the sums payable under the award *re* Niagara Falls, beg leave to submit this their report :

On the 14th July last your committee met the representatives of the Town of Niagara Falls for the purpose of arriving at the amounts payable under the award, and found the balance due the county on the 31st day of December, 1885, to be \$970.76.

This amount has been paid to the Treasurer of this corporation.

Your committee present the following itemized statement, shewing the sources from which the several amounts are derived, and on which the different sums are payable.

NIAGARA FALLS AWARD, YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1885.

Town of Niagara Falls in account with the County of Welland:

DR.

To amt. payable under section 4 of award.....	\$ 204 72
" " " 6 " 	23 64

One-fourteenth of the following accounts:

Printing.....	\$ 273 64
Jail expenses and furnishings	2509 16
Witnesses in criminal cases.....	896 50
Jurors' pay.....	1220 30
Summoning and selecting jurors.....	80 00
Insane destitute.....	2549 00
Administration of criminal justice.....	7571 50
Fuel account.....	1045 96
Incidental inquest.....	57 60
Registry office repairs, &c.....	74 81
Five-sixths of treasurer's salary.....	500 00
Caretaker's salary	96 00
Messenger's salary.....	48 00
Five-sixths of auditors' salary.....	41 66
Postage and stationery.....	52 38
Sheriff, checking and making jury list.....	50 00
Interest.....	860 50
Jail committee expenses.....	124 70

\$18052 22

One-fourteenth of same	\$1289 44
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\$1517 80

CR.

By one-fourteenth of amt. rec'd from Government	
(\$3519 07) for administration crim. justice....	251 36
By 1 year's int. on \$4,928, at 6 %.....	295 68
	\$ 547 04

Balance due county.....	\$ 970 76
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, WM. McCLEARY,
J. A. RAMSDEN,
ERNEST CRUIKSHANK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Welland, August 18th, 1886.

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APPENDIX C.

MEMORIALS.

Re NIAGARA FALLS TOWN AND COUNTY WELLAND AWARD.

*To the Honorable John Beverley Robinson, Lieutenant-Governor of
the Province of Ontario:*

The memorial of the council of the County of Welland,

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

Whereas the Town of Niagara Falls did withdraw from the
County of Welland on 1st July, 1881, for the term of five years;

And whereas on the 1st day of July, 1886, the said term of five
years expired;

And whereas the County of Welland did, on the Fifth day of
June, 1886, appoint E. J. Senkler, Judge of the County of Lincoln,
an arbitrator to act in conjunction with an arbitrator to be appointed
by the said town, in readjusting the compensation to be paid by said
town for ensuing five years; that the said town was so notified of the
appointment through their clerk;

And whereas no appointment was made by the said town previ-
ous to the 16th day of August inst., contrary to the statute governing;

And whereas the said Town of Niagara Falls did, on the 16th
day of August, appoint Judge Baxter as arbitrator on their behalf:

1289 44

1517 80

547 04

970 76

ANK.

Your memorialists therefore humbly pray that you will be pleased to confirm said appointment, and in case of the non-acceptance of the said Judge Baxter, you will be pleased to make an appointment of an arbitrator to act in connection with the arbitrator appointed by the County of Welland in the matter of the readjustment of the terms of separation of the Town of Niagara Falls from the County of Welland.

And as in duty bound your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed in council this 18th day of August, 1886.

Signed, J. C. PAGE,
Clerk.

{ L. S. }

E. CRUIKSHANK,
Warden.

To the Honorable John Beverly Robinson, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario :

The memorial of the council of the County of Welland,

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

Whereas on the 1st day of July, 1881, the Town of Clifton, now the Town of Niagara Falls, withdrew from the jurisdiction of the said County of Welland for the term of five years, and by proclamation of the then Lieutenant-Governor of date 29th October, 1881, confirmed such withdrawal ;

And whereas an arbitration was held between the two corporations to determine the compensation to be paid by the said town to the county for the said town ;

And whereas the arbitrators so appointed made their award dated 11th August, 1881, so determining the amounts to be paid pursuant to such withdrawal, and the time specified in said award being five years from the 1st July, 1881 ;

And whereas on the 5th day of June, 1886, the County Council of the County of Welland did appoint Judge Senkler, of the City of

St. Catharines, arbitrator on behalf of the said county, and so notified the Town of Niagara Falls through their clerk ;

And whereas no action was taken on the part of the said town, as prescribed by statute, to appoint an arbitrator ;

And whereas the assessed value of real and personal property has increased in the said Town of Niagara Falls from \$712,390 in 1881 to \$1,487,350 in 1885 ;

And whereas Section 447 of Chapter 174, R. S. O., would seem to convey the meaning that in order to terminate the said award an application should be made, asking that the terms of said award should cease :

Your memorialists therefore humbly pray that you may be pleased to direct that the amount of the compensation determined in the above in part recited award, be reconsidered, and that the then existing arrangement shall cease on and from the 1st day of July, 1886, being the termination of the five years mentioned in the said award.

And your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Passed in council this 18th day of August, 1886.

Signed, J. C. PAGE, { L. S. } E. CRUIKSHANK,
County Clerk. Warden.

Re FARM STUDENTS.

To the Honorable John Carling, Minister of Agriculture :

The memorial of the council of the County of Welland,
HUMBLY SHEWETH :

Whereas, information has come to the knowledge of the council of the County of Welland that many immigrants intend to come to Canada to settle, and are desirous of obtaining practical instructions

in farming operations before purchasing, and are willing to pay for such information ;

And whereas the farmers of the County of Welland have been respectfully asked to forward their names and addresses, who are willing to take pupils and give instructions, to the clerk of this corporation ;

And whereas the said council has instructed the clerk to forward such names and addresses to the Minister of Agriculture from time to time :

Your memorialists therefore humbly pray that you will be pleased to receive the names as forwarded from time to time, and cause steps to be taken to have other counties in the Province of Ontario to forward similar information, and that the whole be compiled in book form and forward same to immigration agents in foreign countries for distribution.

Your memorialists believing this means will give an opportunity to the class above referred to in getting reliable information, and thereby increasing the numbers of desirable immigrants to the Province of Ontario.

And your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Passed in council this 18th day of August, 1886.

Signed, J. C. PAGE,
County Clerk.

{ L. S. }

E. CRUIKSHANK,
Warden.

APPENDIX D.

COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM ROBERT GRANT, PRESIDENT TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

WELLAND, August 17th, 1886.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :

GENTLEMEN,—

Permit me to call the attention of your honorable body to the provision of the Public School Act of 1885, relating to "Teachers' Institutes," and to request that in accordance with said provision you will cause to be paid to the Teachers' Institute of the County of Welland the sum of twenty-five dollars, or such further sum as you may think necessary.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT GRANT,

President Teachers' Institute.

PRESENTMENT OF GRAND JURY.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE PEACE,
WELLAND, June 21st, 1886.

DEAR SIR,—

At the request of his honor Judge Baxter, I beg to enclose to you herewith a copy of the presentment of the grand jury at the General Sessions of the Peace, held here on the 8th June instant.

I am, dear sir,

Yours very truly,

L. D. RAYMOND,

Clerk of the Peace.

ERNEST CRUIKSHANK, ESQ.,

Warden, &c.,

Fort Erie.

To His Honor Judge Baxter:

The Grand Jury for the present sessions

RESPECTFULLY PRESENT :

That they have examined jail and find that the cells are clean and comfortable, and the prisoners express themselves as satisfied with their treatment by jail officials.

The water closets in the yard do not seem fit for the county officials, and would recommend that more suitable arrangements be made for that purpose.

The Grand Jury would also recommend that the prisoner known as Ford, an idiot, be removed to the insane asylum.

Most respectfully,

Signed, JAMES ARNOLD,

Foreman Grand Jury.

Welland, June 9, 1886.

Certified to be a correct copy.

Signed, L. D. RAYMOND,

Clerk of the Peace.

RE COUNTY LINE—PELHAM AND GAINSBOROUGH.

TORONTO, June 29th, 1886.

SIR,—

I have to acknowledge receipt of petition dated June 1st, 1886, from the County Council of Welland, praying for the confirmation of the survey of P. L. S. Edward Gardiner of the line between Pelham and Gainsborough, made by him under instructions by this department dated August 6th, 1883, and to inform you that the subject will engage the attention of the department at an early date.

Your obedient servant,

THOS. H. JOHNSON,

Asst. Commissioner.

J. C. PAGE, ESQ.,

County Clerk,

Welland.

Re COUNTY LINE—PELHAM AND CLINTON.

TORONTO, 24th June, 1886.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the petition of the municipal council of the corporation of the County of Welland, praying that the road allowance between the Township of Pelham in the County of Welland, and of the Township of Clinton in the County of Lincoln, be for the reasons therein mentioned surveyed and marked by permanent boundaries, and to inform you that it will receive due attention.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Signed, G. E. LUMSDEN,

Assistant Secretary.

THE COUNTY CLERK,
Welland, Ont.

CROWN LANDS DEPARTMENT,

TORONTO, June 30th, 1886.

SIR,—

Referring to the petition of the County Council of Welland for the survey of the road allowance between Pelham and Clinton, may I ask that you will, after consultation with the Council of Lincoln, send in the name of the Provincial Land Surveyor to whom you would wish the instructions sent.

Your obedient servant,

THOS. H. JOHNSON,

Asst. Commissioner.

J. C. PAGE, ESQ.,

County Clerk,

Welland.

RE NIAGARA FALLS AWARD.

[TELEGRAM.]

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT., Aug. 11th, 1886.

To E. Cruikshank, Warden :

If you cannot agree to our terms, one to ten, we will arbitrate.

Signed, ALEX. LOGAN,
Mayor.

[TELEGRAM.]

NIAGARA FALLS, Aug. 17, 1886.

To E. Cruikshank, Warden :

Judge Baxter has been appointed arbitrator for Niagara Falls.

Signed, J. ROBINSON,
Clerk.